

REMARKS

After entry of this Amendment, the pending claims are: claims 1-8, 11-16, 21, 22, 24-30, 32, 33, 35-37, 39 and 40. The Office Action dated February 20, 2009 has been carefully considered. Claims 10 and 38 have been canceled without prejudice to expedite prosecution of the present application. Claims 9, 17-20, 23, 31 and 34 were previously canceled. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the above Amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action dated February 20, 2009, the Examiner:

- objected to the specification for failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the subject matter of dependent claims 10 and 38;
- rejected claims 10 and 38 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enable requirement; and
- allowed claims 1-8, 11-16, 21, 22, 24-30, 32, 33, 35-37, 39 and 40.

35 U.S.C. 112 REJECTIONS

Dependent claims 10 and 38 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. Claims 10 and 38 have been canceled without prejudice to expedite prosecution of the present application. Accordingly, this rejection is deemed moot.

Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

SPECIFICATION

The specification was objected to for failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the subject matter of dependent claims 10 and 38. Claims 10 and 38 have been canceled without prejudice to expedite prosecution of the present application. Accordingly, this objection is deemed moot. Withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

CLAIMS 1-8, 11-16, 21, 22, 24-30, 32, 33, 35-37, 39 AND 40.

The Examiner is thanked for indicating that claims 1-8, 11-16, 21, 22, 24-30, 32, 33, 35-37, 39 and 40 were allowed. It is respectfully submitted that all remaining claims have been canceled without prejudice to expedite prosecution of the present application.

CONCLUSION

Based upon the above-listed amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application, including claims 1-8, 11-16, 21, 22, 24-30, 32, 33, 35-37, 39 and 40, is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

No fee is believed due for this submission. If, however, the Commissioner determines otherwise, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees which may now or hereafter be due in this application to Deposit Account No. 19-4709.

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In the event that there are any questions, or should additional information be required, please contact Applicant's attorney at the number listed below.

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